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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, BF

SUBJECT: SPINEY LOBSTERS

REFS: A) NASSAU 1835; B) STATE 236938; C) NASSAU 1933

1. DEPT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO ACTION DESCRIBED REFTL  
(C). EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO SUGGEST SPECIFIC DATES  
FOR TALKS AS FOLLOWS: WEEKS OF DEC. 9-13 OR 16-20 IF  
VITAL TO ACHIEVEMENT OF MORATORIUM, OR ANY WEEKS IN  
JANUARY AFTER WEEK OF JAN. 6, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER TO  
AVOID THE LAST WEEK IN JAN. DATES AFTER FIRST OF YEAR  
WOULD PROBABLY ALLOW PARTICIPATION OF DEP. ASST. SEC.  
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CLINGAN, WHICH IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. EMBASSY MAY USE ITS

DISCRETION IN PROPOSING DATES DEPENDING ON URGENCY INDICATED BY GCOB AND WHETHER MORATORIUM POSSIBLE. OFFER OF TALKS SHOULD OF COURSE BE MADE AS INDUCEMENT FOR MORATORIUM.

2. WHILE DEPT AGREES IN PRINCIPLE THAT LOBSTER TALKS AND ARCHIPELAGO TALKS SHOULD BE SEPARATED, WE DO NOT WANT TO RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF USING LEVERAGE AS STATED IN PARA 8 OF REF (B).

3. POINTS RAISED IN PARA 5 OF REF (A) ARE OF CONCERN AND DEPT HOPES WE NEVER REACH THAT SITUATION. DEPT'S PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT WE WILL ATTEMPT BY NEGOTIATION TO ENSURE THAT THIS SITUATION WILL NOT ARISE, BUT WE WILL

CONTINUE TO STUDY AND MONITOR THE PROBLEM. BECAUSE ANY SEIZURES WOULD INVOLVE MANY VARIABLES, DEPT UNPREPARED AT THIS TIME TO SET FORTH GENERAL POLICY COVERING ALL POSSIBLE SEIZURES. SHOULD SEIZURE OCCUR WE WILL EVALUATE ALL RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS, AND MAKE DECISION AT THAT TIME.

4. U.K. AND FRANCE HAVE OBJECTED TO U.S. ASSERTION THAT NORTH AMERICAN LOBSTER IS CREATURE OF CONTINENTAL SHELF. GCOB SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THIS. FYI: WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE GCOB TO ATTACH SOME IMPORTANCE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN WHICH USG STATES EXPLICITLY THAT SPINEY LOBSTER IS A CREATURE OF THE SHELF. THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO US IN DEALING WITH FOREIGN OBJECTIONS TO OUR OWN ASSERTION, BUT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF A SATISFACTORY BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT. END FYI.

5. WITH RESPECT TO ARCHIPELAGO TALKS, USG ANXIOUS TO FIX DATES FOR SUCH DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY SINCE OTHER COMMITMENTS ARE BEGINNING TO FILL MR. MOORE'S SCHEDULE. FIRST FOUR DAYS OF FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER OPEN. EMBASSY SHOULD PROPOSE DATES OF DEC. 2 AND 3 FOR THESE TALKS, AS EARLY TALKS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. SECOND AND THIRD WEEKS OF DECEMBER NOT AVAILABLE AND CHRISTMAS AND NEW

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YEAR'S WEEKS NOT DESIRABLE, ALTHOUGH LATTER IS POSSIBLE IF EARLIER TALKS CANNOT BE HELD. INGERSOLL

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